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Truck Driver Arrested for DUI

On February 20, 2008 at approximately 5:00 AM, Gerald G. Krause, a 43 year old resident of Pueblo Colorado was driving a 1999 Kenworth tractor pulling a flatbed semi trailer loaded with large skylights. The truck was registered to East River Lumber & Grain Inc. out of Mobridge South Dakota.

Krause was northbound on I-5 near Ridgefield when he was randomly pulled into the Port of Entry scales. The driver was contacted by Commercial Vehicle Enforcement Officer Don Ross after Ross observed the truck crossing the scale at a high rate of speed. During the contact Ross detected a very strong odor of intoxicants coming from the driver. Mr. Krause stated he had not consumed any alcohol within the last two days, but did consent to a voluntary portable breath test (PBT) which showed him to have alcohol in his system.

Trooper Brian Forsberg responded to perform field sobriety tests and additional breath tests on Krause verifying that his alcohol level was over .04

Commercial drivers cannot have any alcohol in their system. Even a trace of alcohol can place a driver out of service for 24 hours. Breath Alcohol Concentration (BAC) levels over .04 are considered DUI and the driver can lose their CDL (Commercial Driver's License) for one year.

In addition to being arrested for DUI and placed out of service for 24 hours, a citation was issued to Mr. Krause for a logbook violation.

Capt. Darrin Grondel, Commander of the Washington State Patrol Commercial Vehicle Division, said, "This is an example of the efforts our officers make each day to save lives and ensure the highways are safe for our families to travel on."

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